

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An electronic program guide (EPG) circuit comprising:

a) an EPG processor circuit, including a central processing unit (CPU), supplied with a video signal input, a horizontal sync input, and a vertical sync input, wherein the video signal input includes EPG program information in electronic form describing viewable programs which is extracted from the video signal by the EPG processor circuit, the EPG processor circuit outputs an on screen display (OSD) signal for displaying the history information about a selected episode of a program;

b) a read only memory (ROM) connected to the EPG processor circuit for storing a program used by the EPG's CPU; and

c) a random access memory supplied with the EPG program information by the EPG processor circuit, for storing EPG program information for a plurality of episodes of a given program.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An EPG circuit according to claim 1, wherein the EPG processor circuit outputs ~~[[an]]~~ the on screen display (OSD) signal for displaying the history information ~~about of a the~~ selected episode of ~~[[a]]~~ the program simultaneously with another episode of the program, wherein the selected episode of the program occurs previously to the another episode of the program.

Claim 3 (original): An EPG circuit according to claim 1, further comprising a non-volatile memory for storing user specific information pertaining to the EPG circuit.

Claim 4 (original): An EPG circuit according to claim 1, wherein the EPG program

information is extended data service data contained in the vertical blanking interval of the video signal.

Claim 5 (original): An EPG circuit according to claim 1, wherein video signal is a digital signal and the EPG program information is in the digital signal's program specific information protocol (PSIP).

Claim 6 (original): An EPG circuit according to claim 1, wherein the EPG program information is received via the Internet.

Claim 7 (original): An EPG circuit according to claim 1, wherein the EPG program information is received via a public switched telephone network.

Claim 8 (original): An EPG circuit according to claim 1, wherein the EPG program information is received via a cable system's out of band (OOB) data system.